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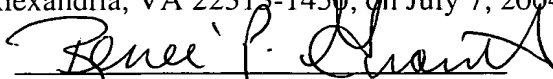
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application before substantive examination as follows:

Amendments to the Specification Please replace the paragraph beginning with "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" with the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a schematic of the SiCw column of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a schematic of the pre-filter column of the present invention;

FIG. 3 shows results obtained from an RNA isolation procedure using a variety of mammalian tissues and cell cultures and employing a variety of glass fiber type filters of the present invention, varying the number and type of layers;

FIG. 4 shows the results obtained from the RNA isolation from plant tissues; and

FIG. 5 demonstrates the results of RNA isolation from plant tissue.